## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	
GALLERIA 2425 OWNER LLC,	Case No. 23-34815 Chapter 11
Debtor.	

## **RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY MOTION IN LIMINE**

**COMES NOW 2425 WL, LLC** and file this Response to Emergency Motion in Limine and would show as follows:

- The National Bank of Kuwait has filed an Emergency Motion in Limine (ECF No.
   The motion seeks to exclude evidence of claims against National Bank of Kuwait prior to the date of a certain settlement agreement.
- 2. As an initial matter, a motion in limine is improper in a bench trial. "The courts in the Fifth Circuit have consistently held that a motion in limine 'serves no real purpose in a bench trial since the court can and does readily exclude from its consideration inappropriate evidence of whatever ilk."" *Rash v. Lafayette County*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 58231 (N.D. Miss. 2022).
- 3. Further, the fact that certain bad acts occurred prior to the date of a settlement agreement does not make that conduct inadmissible.
  - (a) The acts might be part of a pattern and practice of behavior by the Bank which would be relevant to examining its conduct.
  - (b) The release in the settlement agreement might not be enforceable. If the Bank breached the settlement agreement first, then it would not be entitled to enforce the releases.
  - (c) There are other grounds where the releases might not be enforceable such as fraud.
  - 4. The Court should listen to the evidence and rule when the issue arises rather than categorically excluding evidence before it is offered.

Respectfully Submitted,

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